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Message From the President

Dear Members of the Class of 2017:

On behalf of the faculty and staff, congratulations on your graduation from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts! Earning your bachelor's or master's degree is a significant achievement and will open doors as you embark on your next chapter. Please continue leading by example and making a difference in the world as you have done during your time at MCLA.

As I shared to you in my charge at Commencement, there is a pressing need in the world for thoughtful, intelligent, creative people. The world and our communities are calling for more MCLA graduates to ameliorate the conditions that have become so oppressive and dangerous for so many.

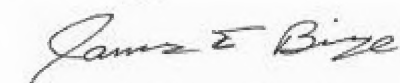
I encourage you to apply what you have learned at MCLA to every aspect of your life. You know how to identify and solve problems. You are skillful at working with groups of people to advance improvement. You are practiced in the art of knowing where to find beauty and how to help others find their own truth. As digital natives you know how to apply technology to solve problems. And you understand the importance of serving one's community. Become involved in your community, be helpful and compassionate citizens, continue to learn and ask questions.

The pages in this yearbook are filled with memories of your time at MCLA — a visual journal of your many accomplishments during this important year in your life. I hope that these warm memories and your deep relationships with friends, faculty, and staff will keep you connected to MCLA. Please keep in touch with the Alumni Office so we can continue to celebrate your accomplishments. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming alumni events.

As graduates of MCLA you are a promise we make to the world to honor the centuries old purpose of American higher education which is to respond to the needs and demands of society. You are the best hope and strategy we have to improve this broken world. The motto of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts is *Lux esto vera*: In light there is truth. MCLA has lighted the lantern of truth in you. Use this light to reveal what you can do to improve the world for us all.

I wish each member of the Class of 2017 all the best!

Sincerely,



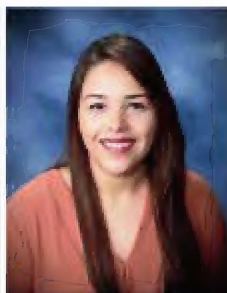
James F. Birge, Ph.D.
President



Seniors



Domonique Ackley



Alejandra Aguilar



Brayton Aubin



Kathleen Baltzell



Kristopher Briggs



Nathan Buchanan



Marianna Burzimatì



Myles Candelet



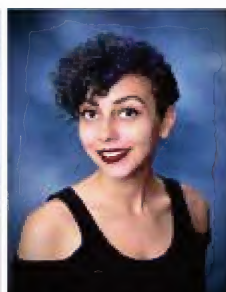
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Mariah Cavallaro



Johnathan Chery



Courtney Chester



Allison Clark



Derrmar Coleman



Nicolas Colon



Amber Coombe



Matthew Costa



Allison Crews



Anderson Dalmace



Tenea Davis



Mary Rose Delapp



Katherine Deloye



Alphonsina Disla



Tanisha Drysdale



Elizabeth Erdeski



Diana Faulkner



Jasmin Figueroa



James Forgione



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Annie Gagnon

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Patricia Gary



Shelby Gauthier



Allison Gaylock



Breana Gladu



Siobhan Greene



Yissa Guerrero



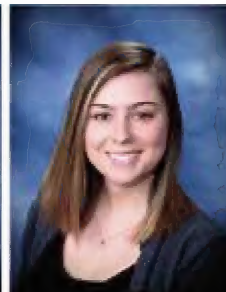
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Brian Harper



Danielle Hartnett



Leah Harwell



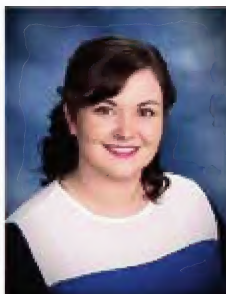
Natalie Herbert



Stacy Huell



Stephanie Jimenez



Jacqueline Kelly



Samantha Kipp



Grace Koah



Danielle Kugler



Elizabeth Kurz-Michel



Kayla LaVoice



Julie Leva



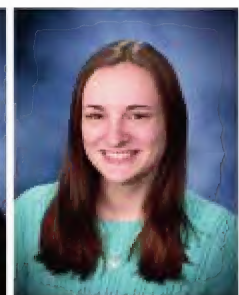
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Matthew Luz



Joshua Malloy



Allie Martineau



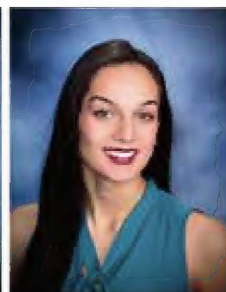
Jeffrey Mason



Josephine McDonald



Emily Meidenbauer



Rachel Mills



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Kaitlyn Moon

Seniors



Miranda Mooring



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Kathryn Murray



Casey Nicoll



Rebecca Patterson



Dahlia Prince



Stephen Pruzinsky



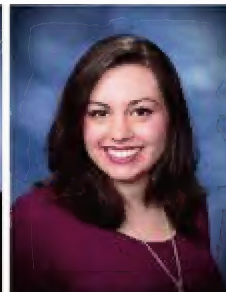
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Travis Rice



Yamileyka Rojas



Alexandra Romano



Gillian Russo



Lisa Ryan



Elizabeth Ryan-Small



Mallory Schettine



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Brittany Sims



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Davis Turell



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Rachel Valliere



Monica Vogel



Robert Wabshinak



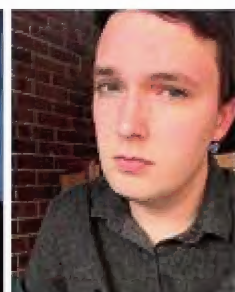
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Lindsey Wick



Brandon Williams



Timothy Williams

2017



Timothy Williams



Amber Wilson



Jessica Wojcik



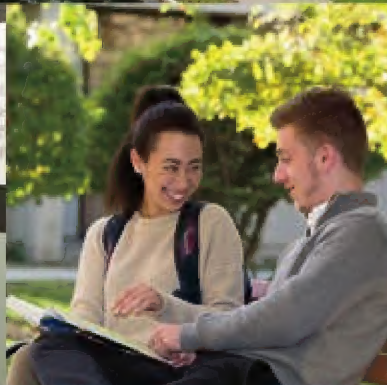
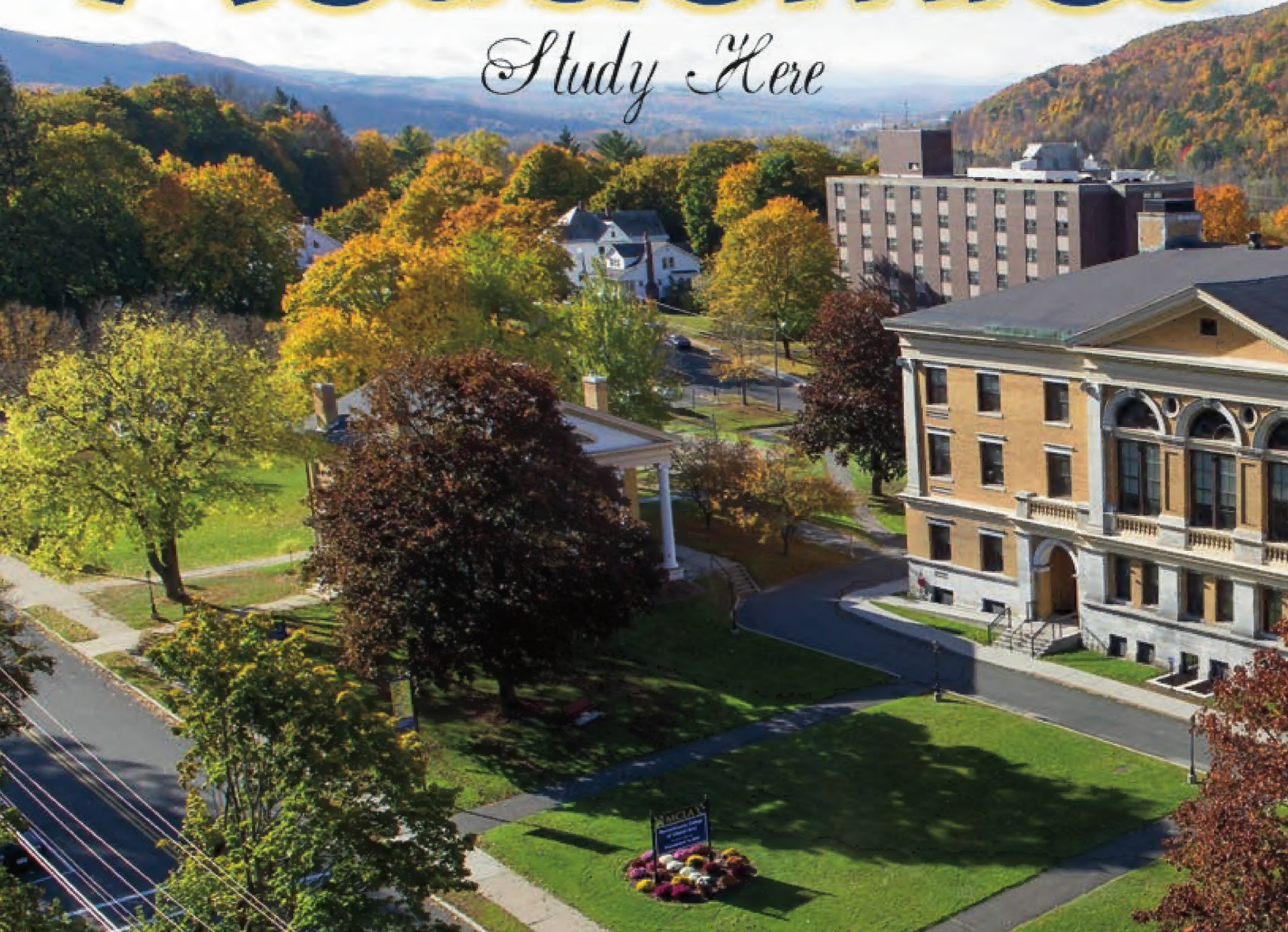
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My College. Right from the Start.



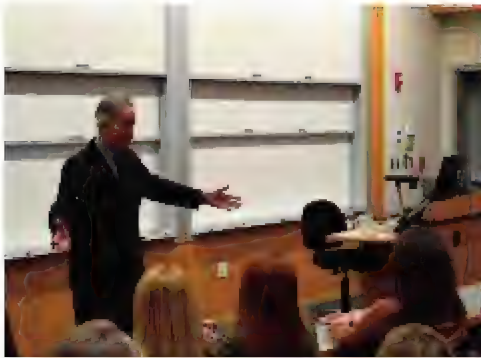
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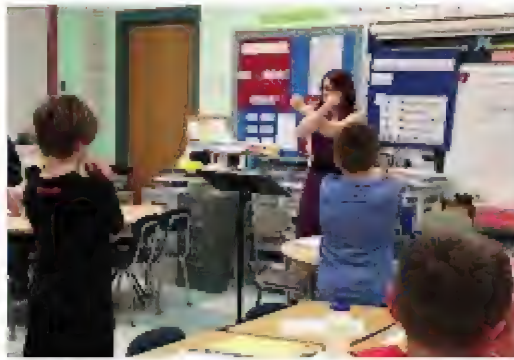
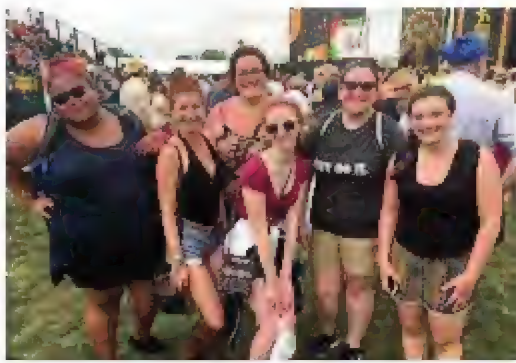




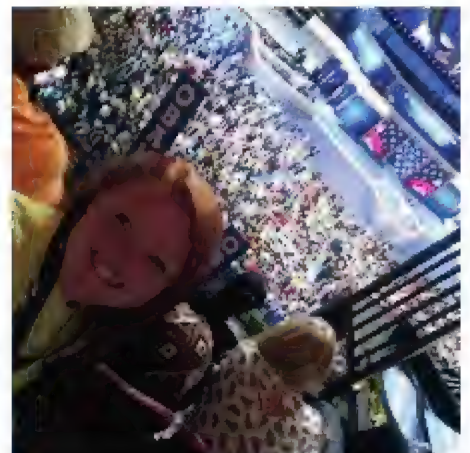
Learn on Campus . . .



"STEM is a crucial part of the future, not only because it advances medicine and engineering on the large scale, but powers how we will live our lives on the day to day basis."
-Meaghan Boucher '17



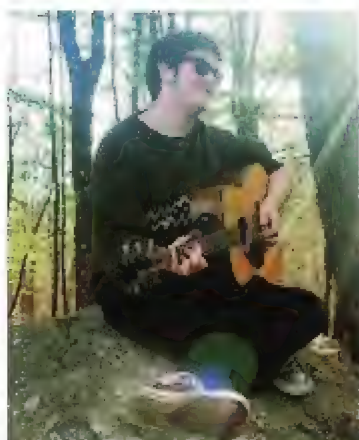
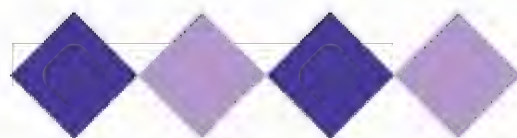
"Being a double-major in Education and English has been an incredible experience that has provided me with knowledge and insight that transcends those disciplines."
- Emily Meidenbauer '17



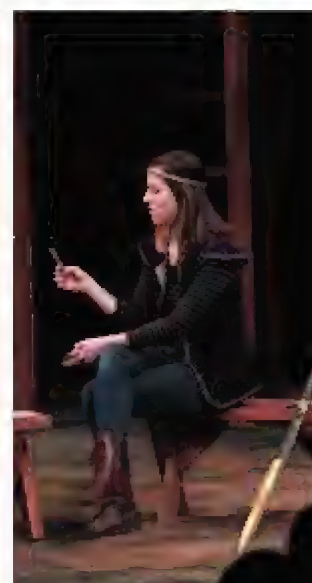
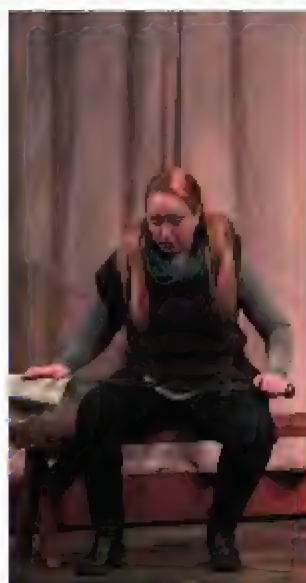
... and Around the World

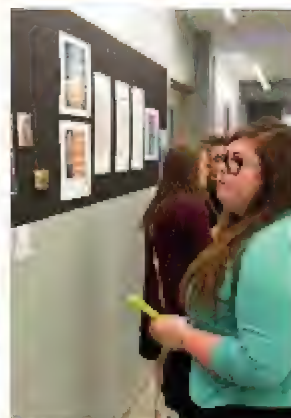


Arts



"MCLA gave me the freedom to learn new mediums and completely changed how I view creating."
- Kaitlyn Russell '17

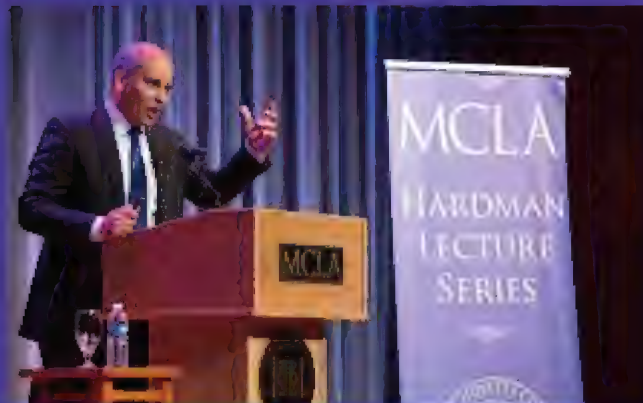
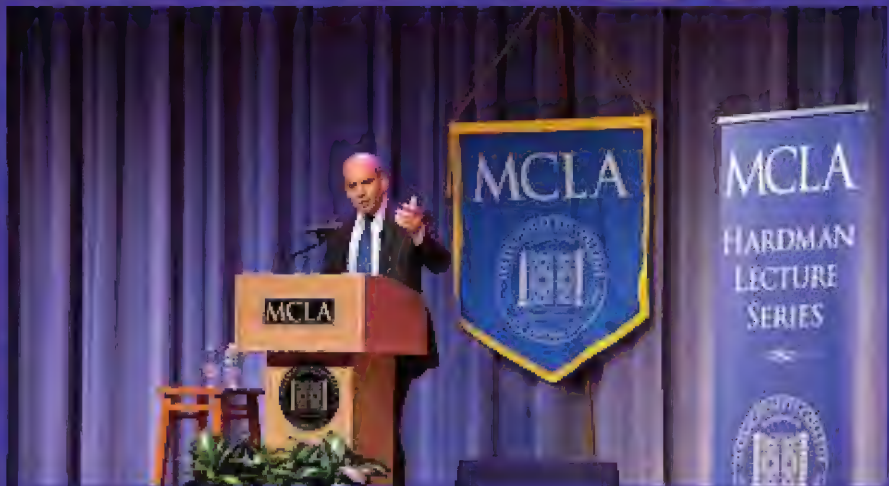




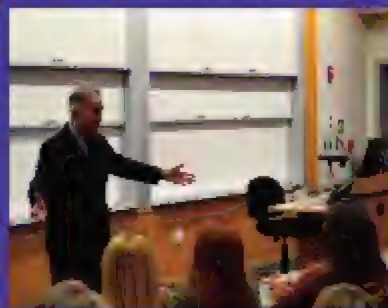
◆◆ Undergraduate ◆◆ Research Conference

Academic Lectures

Abderrahim Foukara



Richard Neal



Cokie Roberts



Jane Swift



Athletics

Play Here





Men's Soccer



"It was more than a
team; it was a family."
-Natalie Caney '17



Women's Soccer

Women's Cross-Country



"These girls have not only made the tough times easier but have made participating in cross-country an enjoyable and unforgettable experience." -Kaitlin Wright '18



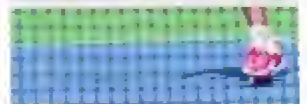
Men's Cross-Country

Men's Tennis



"I've always enjoyed the idea of playing individually while still having the support of my teammates."
-Jeffrey Mason '17

Women's Tennis



"I am proud of my
decision to play D3
college tennis."
-Shelby Gauthier '17

Women's Volleyball



"Volleyball takes a lot of hard work and dedication. I enjoy the teamwork and the friendships made along the way." -Michelle Laga '18

"So happy I had the opportunity to play lacrosse along the side of my teammates."-Rachel Green '17



Women's Lacrosse

Men's Basketball

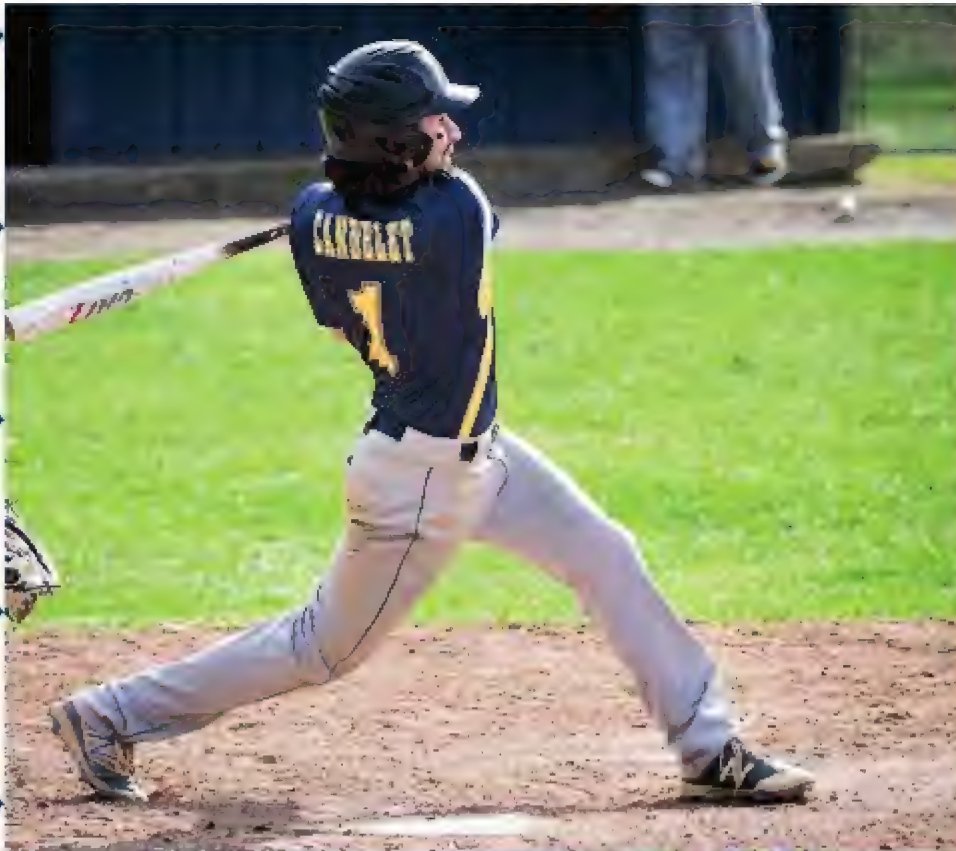
"Focus on the impact you made
on the lives of others. Friendship
lasts forever, stats don't."
Joseph Wiggins '17



Women's Basketball



"We had a phenomenal season."
-Myles Candelet '17



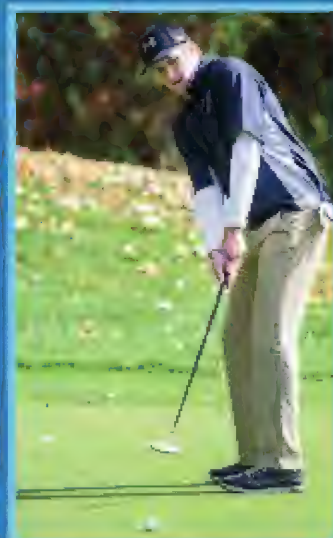
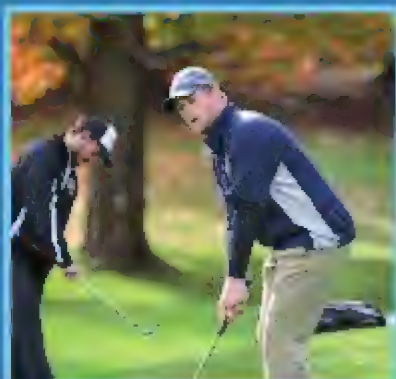
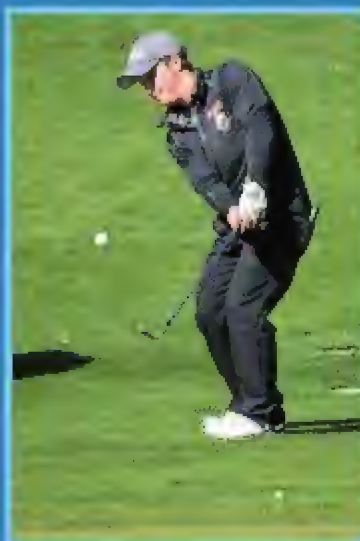
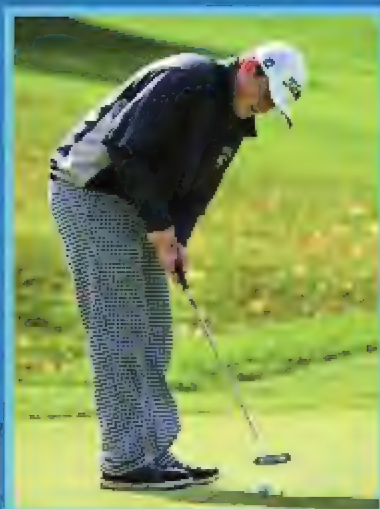
Men's Baseball

"I gave everything I had to my team. I want acceptance to be my legacy to the game I love." -Alex Romano '17

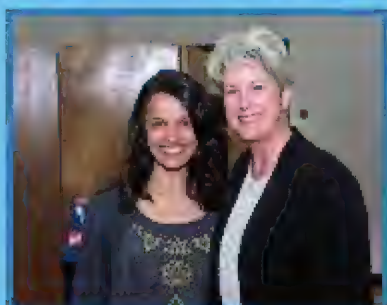


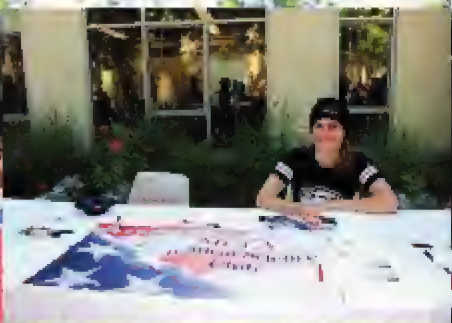
Women's Softball

Men's Golf



Athletic Banquet







& Clubs Organizations

Get Involved Here

Clubs & Organizations

Can you find where you made your mark?

Nexus

Photography
Club

WJJW

Cheerleading
Squad

Beacon

Aikido
Club

Mathematics
Society

Good
Vibes

Arts
Management
Club

Sociology
Club

Chemistry
Club

Outdoor
Trailblazers

Biology
Club

African
Student
Association

Crafting
Club

Book
Club

Association for
Neurodivergent
Awareness

Dance
Company

Multicultural
Student
Society

Black
Student
Union

Debate
Club

Student
Veterans
Association

Yorick
Club

Unitarians in
Action

Writers
Guild

Ski Club

Christian
Fellowship

History
Society

Allegrettos

Harlequin

American
Sign
Language

Fashion
Student
Organization

The
Wildlife
Society

Society of
Physics
Students

Queer
Student
Union

Computer
Society

Students for
Democratic
Society

Latin
American
Society

Asian &
American
Union

Education
Club

Cape
Verdean
Student
Alliance

Psychology
Club

Student
Activities
Council

Students for
Sensible
Drug Policy

Gaming
Alliance

STAGE

College
Republicans

Political
Science
Club

Television and
Film Society

Colleges
Against
Cancer

Anime
Club

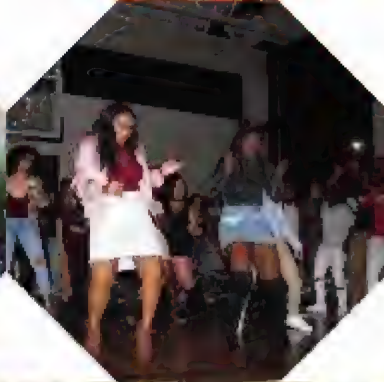
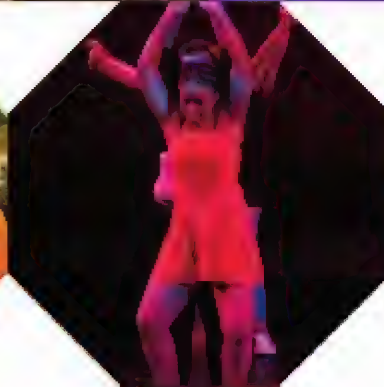
Environuts

Voices

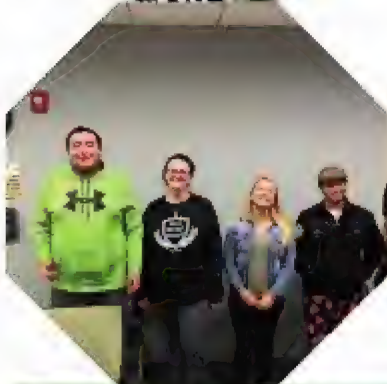
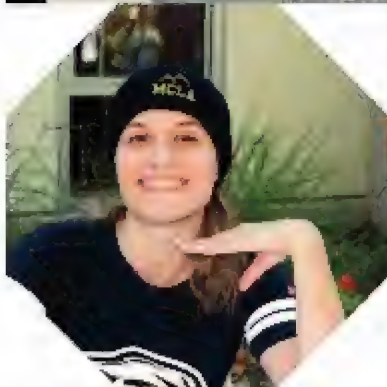
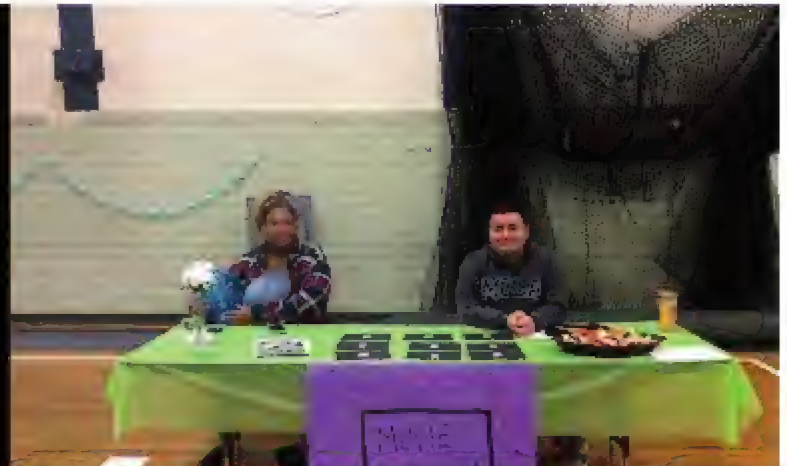
Rugby Club

Film
Club

Leading the Way. . .



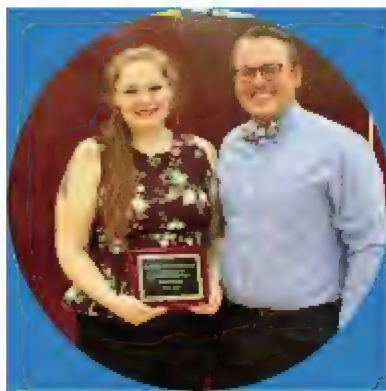
...Getting Involved



Putting on Events







Leadership





Banquet



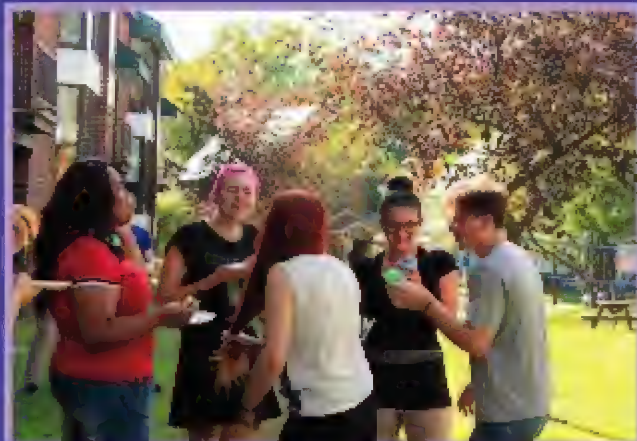




Student Life

Grow Here

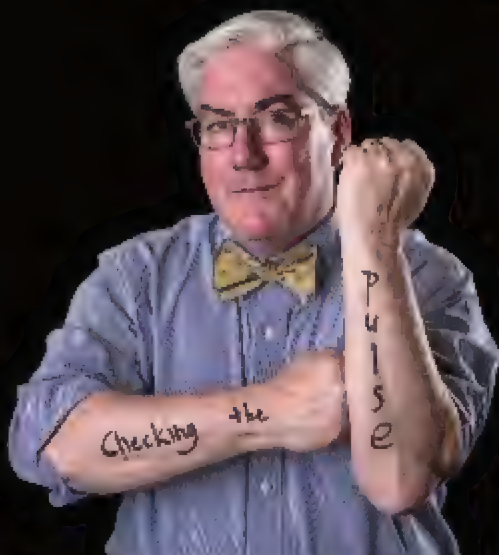




Campus Events



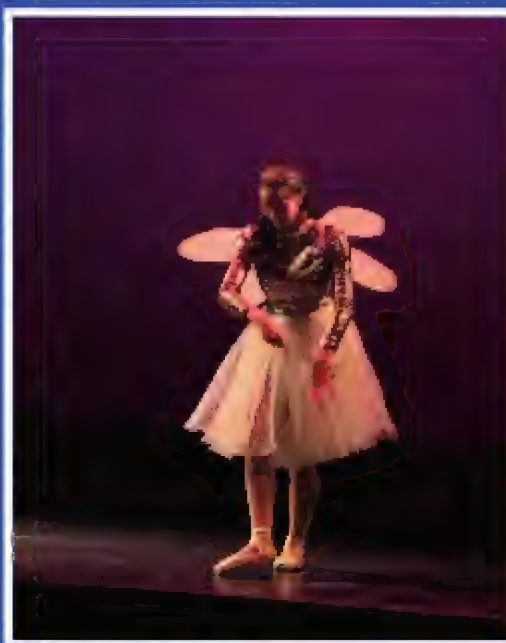
Dear World







Performances



Faculty and Staff





Student Government Association



Class Council





Resident Advisors



Peer Advisors



Ambassadors

STEM Academy



LEAD Academy



Orientation Leaders



Greek Life



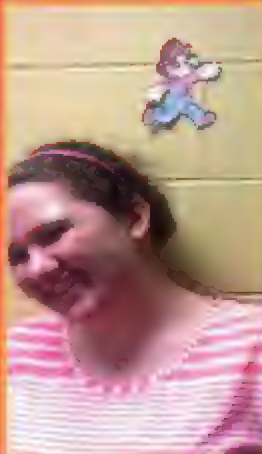
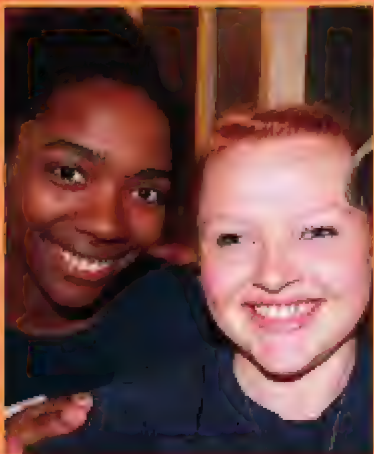
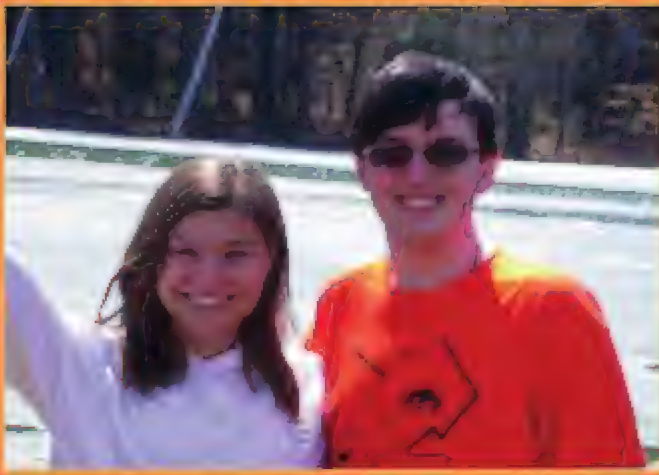
Beta Lambda Delta



Pi Upsilon Pi

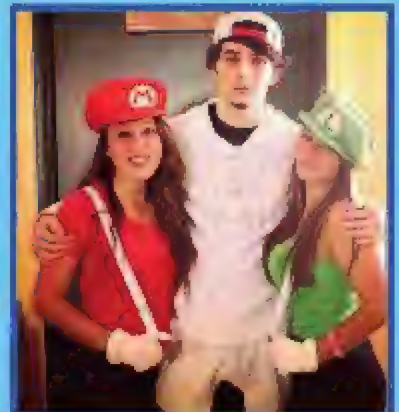
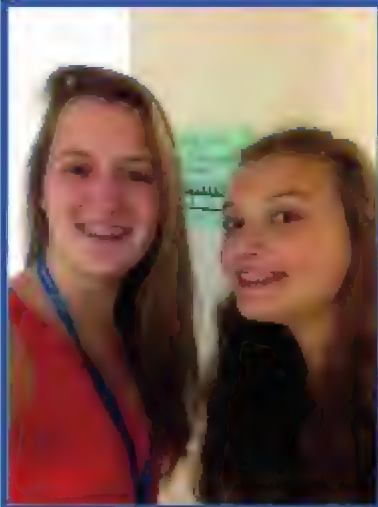
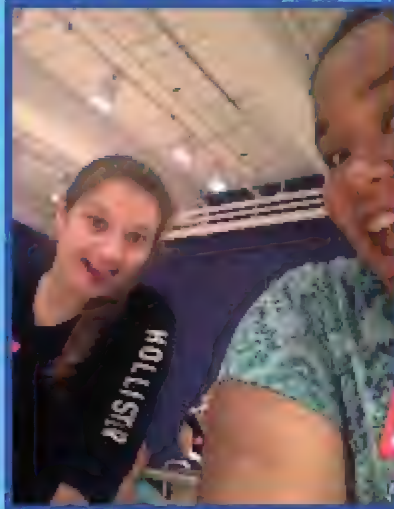
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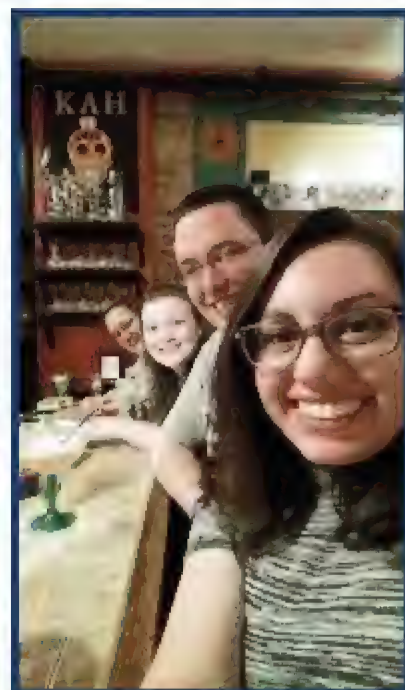
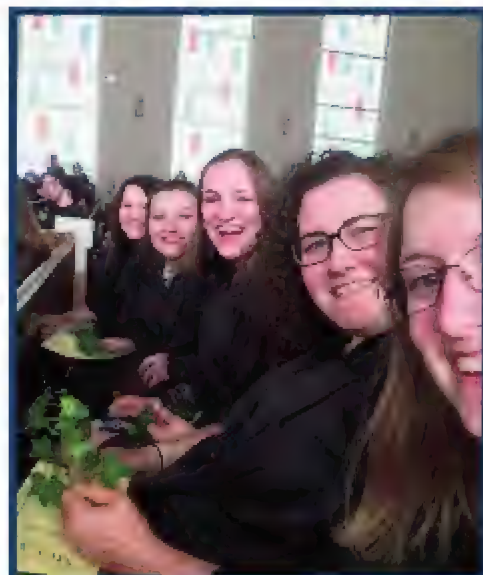


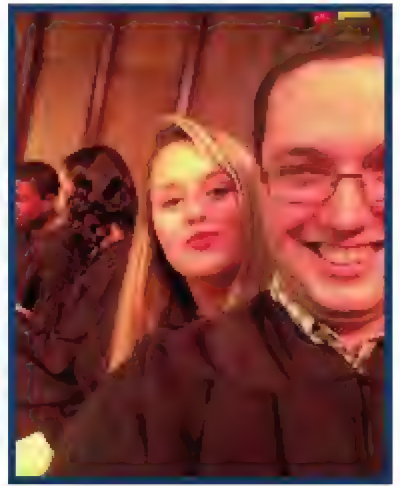


Throwback



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Baccalaureate

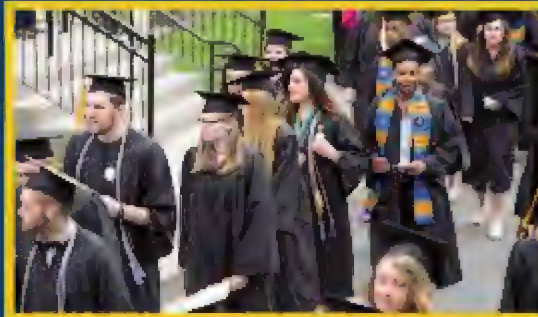
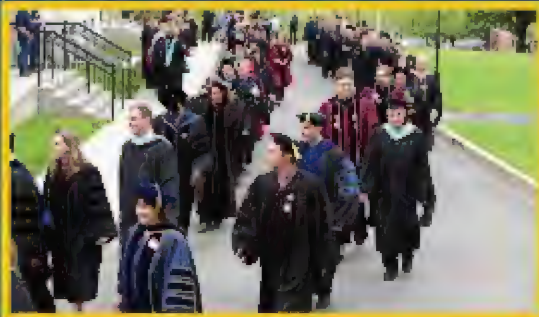
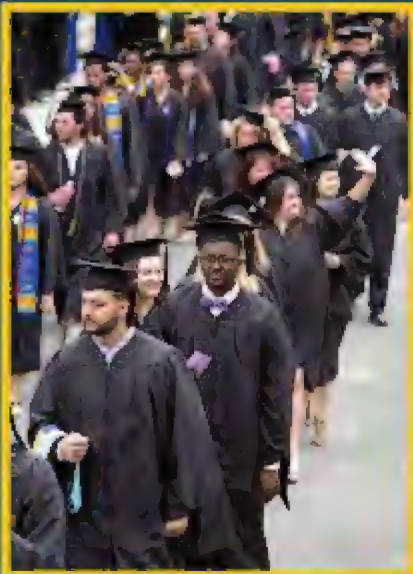
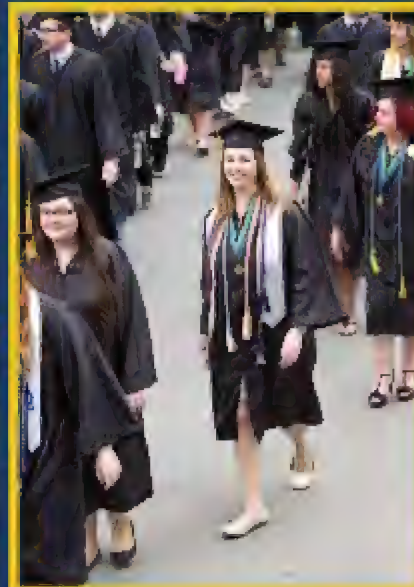
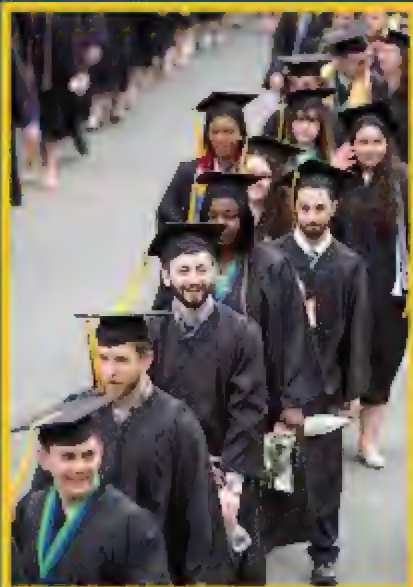
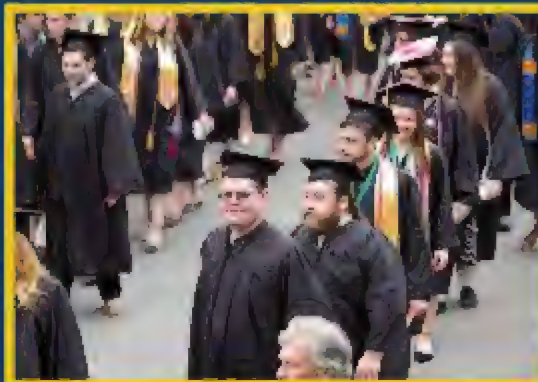
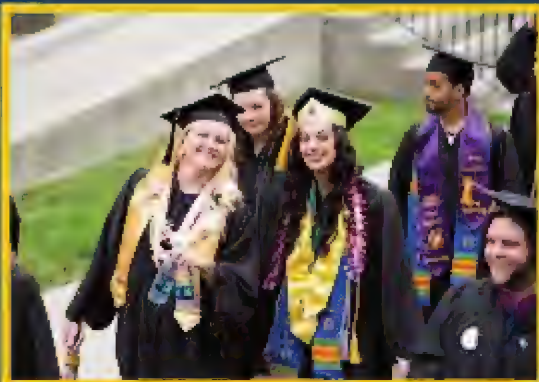


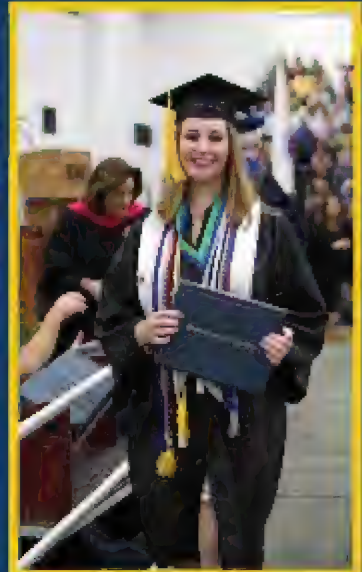
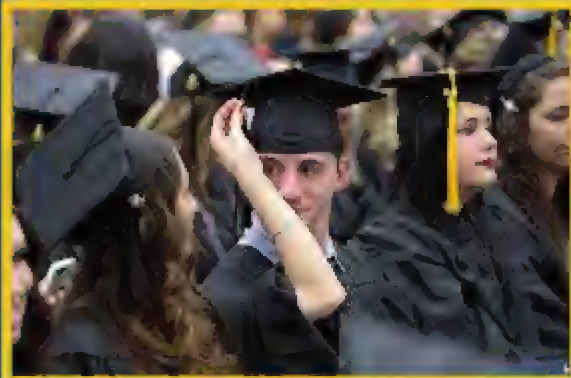
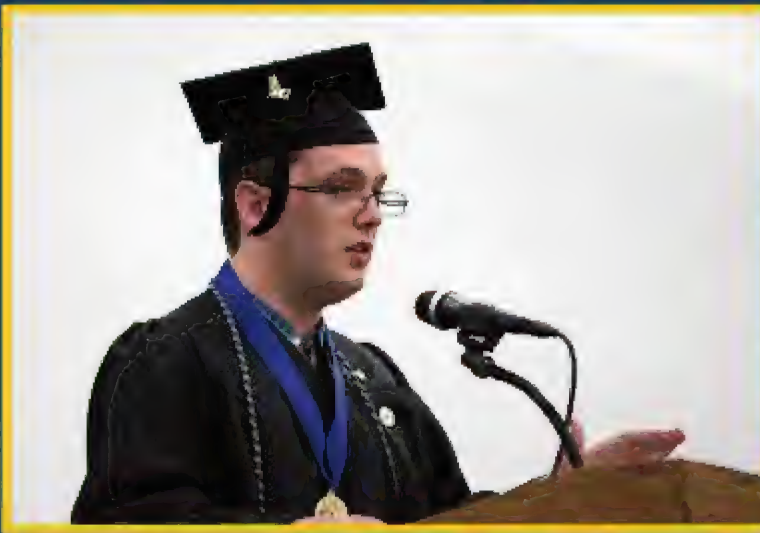
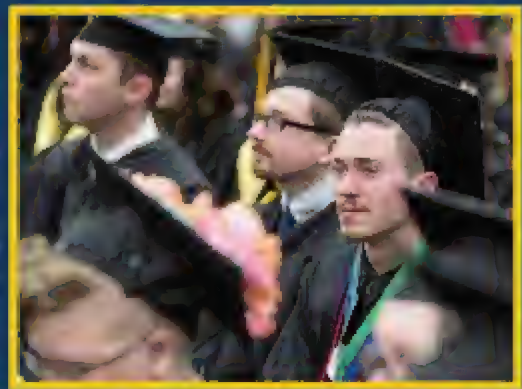
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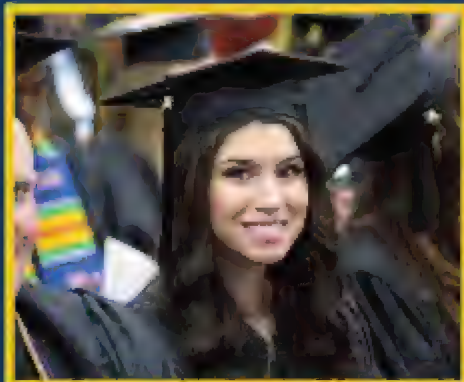
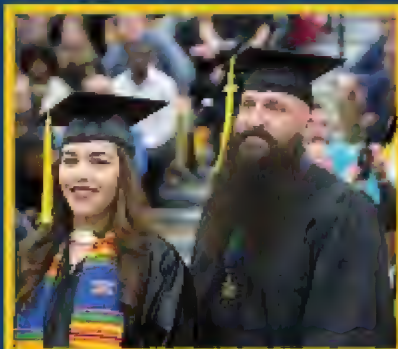
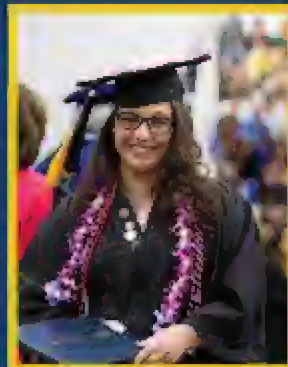
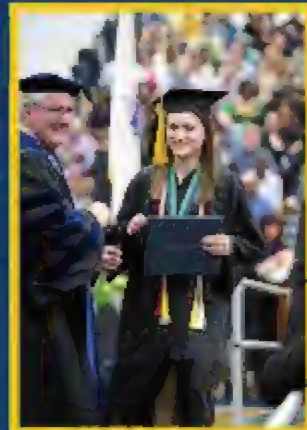
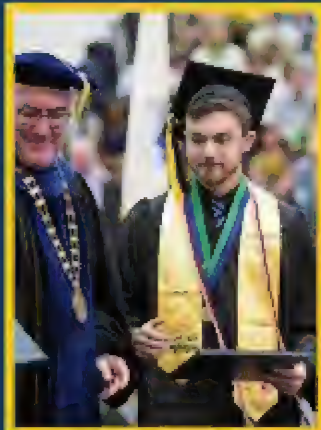


Commencement









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